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(b) Sunburn when the flesh is seriously discolored, when causing cracking of the rind, or when causing flattening of the rind which seriously detracts from the appearance of the cantaloup;

(c) Hail when the injury is unhealed;

(d) Surface mold under the following circumstances:

(1) At shipping point when any surface mold is visible; or,

(2) En route or at destination when the color, character, or location of the mold seriously detracts from the appearance or marketing quality of the cantaloup;

(e) Cracks when fresh and deep;

(f) Bruises when the surface of the cantaloup is seriously flattened or indented or when a material portion of the underlying flesh is broken down; and,

(g) Mechanical means when fresh cuts or gouges extend into the edible portion of the cantaloup.

§ 51.494a Permanent defects.

Permanent defects means defects which are not subject to change during shipping or storage; including, but not limited to factors of shape, netting, scarring, sunscald, sunburn and injury caused by hail or insects, and mechanical injury which is so located as to indicate that it occurred prior to shipment.

[26 FR 2217, Mar. 16, 1961. Redesignated at 27 FR 2307, Mar. 10, 1962, 42 FR 32514, June 27, 1977, and further redesignated at 46 FR 63203, Dec. 31, 1981]

§ 51.494b Fairly well netted.

Fairly well netted means that to an extent characteristic of the variety the cantaloup is fairly well covered with fairly good netting.

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§ 51.494c Condition defects.

Condition defects means defects which may develop or change during shipment or storage; including, but not limited to decayed or soft cantaloups and such factors as liquid in the seed cavity, surface mold, sunken areas, fresh cracks, and bruising which is so

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located as to indicate that it occurred after packing.

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GRADES

§ 51.560 U.S. Extra No. 1.

“U.S. Extra No. 1” consists of stalks of celery of similar varietal characteristics which are well developed, well formed, clean, well trimmed, compact, and which are free from blackheart, brown stem, soft rot, doubles and free from damage caused by freezing, growth cracks, horizontal cracks, pithy branches, seedstems, suckers, wilting, blight, other disease, insects or mechanical or other means. Stalks shall be green unless specified as fairly well blanched, or mixed blanch.

(a) The average midrib length of the outer whorl of branches shall be not less than 7 inches.

(b) Unless otherwise specified in connection with the grade, stalks shall be of such length as to extend from one side, end or bottom of the container to within 1½ inches of the corresponding opposite side, end or top of the container. Such measurement shall not include the bulge. In any container when stalk length is specified, it shall be the minimum length in terms of whole inches of even number, as 12 inches, 14 inches, etc., in accordance with the facts.

(c) In order to allow for variations incident to proper grading and handling, the following tolerances shall be permitted:

(1) *For defects.* 10 percent, by count, in any lot for stalks which fail to meet the requirements of the grade, including therein not more than 2 percent for soft rot;

(2) *For off-length stalks.* 5 percent, by count, in any lot for stalks which fail